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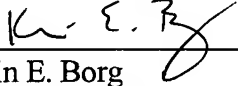
This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in connection with the above-identified newly filed continuation application. Please amend this continuation application in accordance with this Preliminary Amendment prior to any other actions on the merits.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter in accordance with at least the Notice of Allowability in the parent application. Accordingly, Applicant believes that the pending claims in the present case are also allowable. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any required fees not paid herewith or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 33-0017.

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Respectfully submitted,



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